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Happy New Year

To all readers, contributors, donors and advertisers, a very Happy New Year to you. 2026 is shaping up to being another very exciting DX year ahead!

Now in its 19th year, DX-World will continue to provide a global platform in publishing the very latest DX news and freshest of updates.

All the very best!

Col MM0NDX

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PS: Traffic, statistics and analysis is rarely checked on DX-World because it went above and beyond any expectations many years ago, but a quick check reveals the following for 2025 :

- 33M views on Facebook in 2025.
- 4M impressions on X.
- ~ 800 individual DX posts on DX-World website.
- 20GB of web space used on DX-World website.
- 8M views on DX-World website.
- Now over 1100 DX soundbites on audio.com platform.
- Now over 9000 members in DX-World's [Land of QSLs](#).
- 20 amazing advertisers.

DX News

3G0XQ San Ambrosio Island Dxpediton -update

On December 27th, setting off from his home QTH in the early morning, then driving for 14 hours, Felipe, **XQ7IR** finally reached the Port of Valparaiso. It was from here that he watched his equipment loaded onto a container which will soon be headed to Juan Fernandez (**CE0/Z**).

Note: Once arrived in JF, Felipe's gear will then go with him to San Ambrosio (**CE0/X**) on a charter vessel once he is given the final green light with paperwork. All of this should happen in a few weeks time.



AU7RS Lakshadweep -postponed

The AU7RS team regrets to inform that our international members have withdrawn from the VU7 DXpedition due to Indian license issues and personal health grounds.

Despite submitting applications in October and continuous follow-ups, the department has not issued licenses for VU calls, making it impossible for international team members to participate.

With time running out, they've had to cancel flight tickets, incurring significant losses.

Additionally, our agent's application for Agatti permit for foreign hams was rejected by Lakshadweep authorities, impacting our plans.

The Indian team has applied for the Agatti permit and is moving forward with the DXpedition. We hope Indian licenses for foreign hams will arrive soon, allowing participation in future expeditions.

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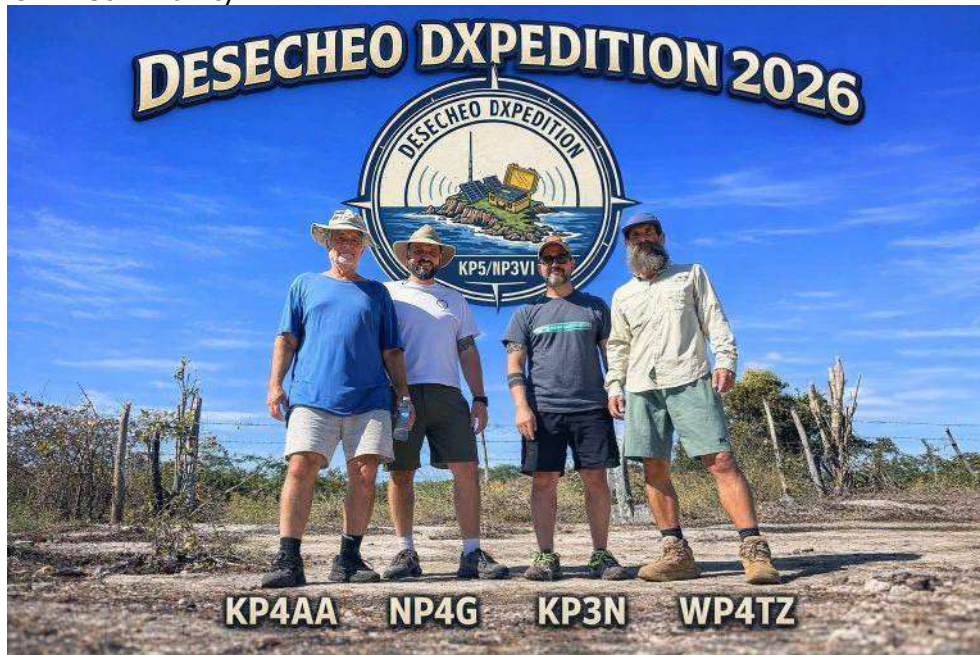
BREAKING DX NEWS SINCE 2007

KP5/NP3VI DESECHEO ISLAND -update December 30

The Desecheo 2026 team is happy to report that we are making progress. We should be QRV in two weeks.

Today the KP4ES test station went QRT around midday local time. The station was removed from the practice site and was taken to KP4AA to begin the cleaning process. This cleaning is required as part of the Bio- Security Protocol prior to going to Desecheo.

Operators will still be practicing using the KP4ES callsign but operating through the KP3H Super Station. Your contacts with KP4ES have helped our team to practice and prepare for the upcoming pileups while providing you with an opportunity to practice prior to our main event. We appreciate the help of the Dx Community.



3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ Monaco -postponed

Due to one of Col's (MM0NDX) close family members falling ill and subsequently now in hospital, at the very last minute this DXpedition to Monaco is put on hold. New dates to follow, however both ops still plan to be active during the low band season – possibly sometime now in February once the current medical situation becomes clearer. QRX for new dates. Apologies to those who won't be able to claim their 2025 Marathon point for 3A on low bands.

TU5RE Ivory Coast -cancelled

We regret to inform the cancellation of the Rookie Expedition to Ivory Coast scheduled for February 2026. Months of hard work, shared dreams, and a lot of passion have been put into it, but due to administrative constraints that cannot be resolved by our will, we were unable to resolve the issue within our deadline. This decision was very distressing for us.

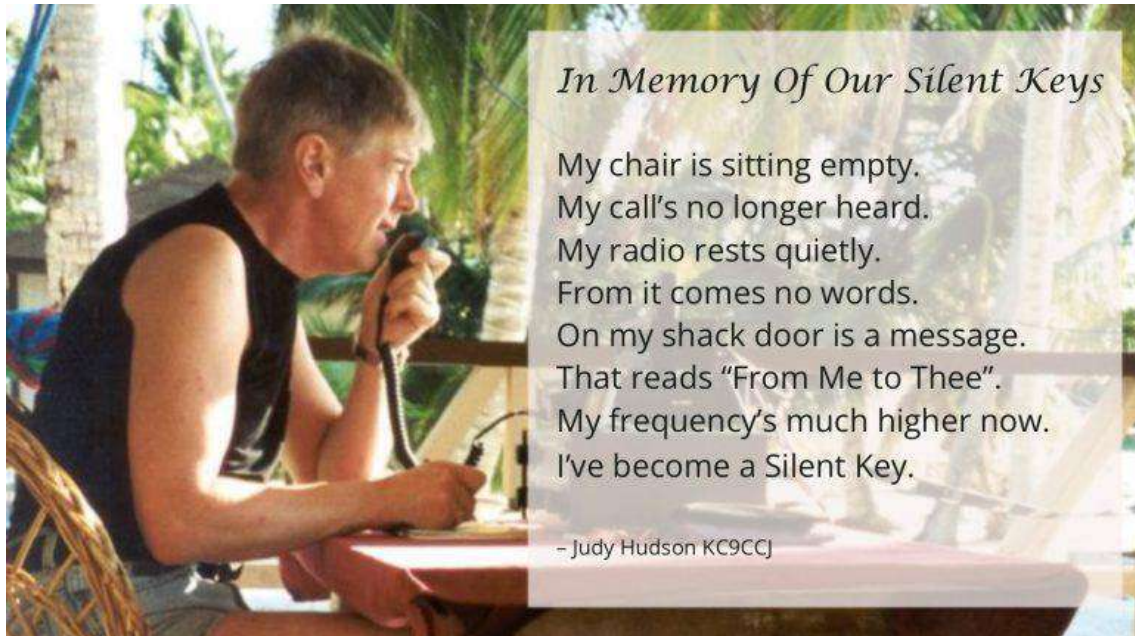
This expedition wasn't just a project, it was a dream itself to be part of a real DXpedition, even if I was a rookie walk. It is with great sadness that we must abandon this adventure, but still a choice to remain true to our values of seriousness, transparency, and respect for the amateur radio community. <https://www.dx-world.net/tu5re-ivory-coast/>

Status of Conway Reef

Rebel DX Group report that Conway Reef will soon have fully restricted access – meaning it will become extremely difficult to apply and receive a landing permit. A radio amateur license can still be applied for via TAF telecoms authority, but the landing permit will very soon be a different story. For this reason, the Rebel DX Group are now hastily organising a trip to 3D2/C before the restrictions take effect. More info soon.

PA3GIO S.K

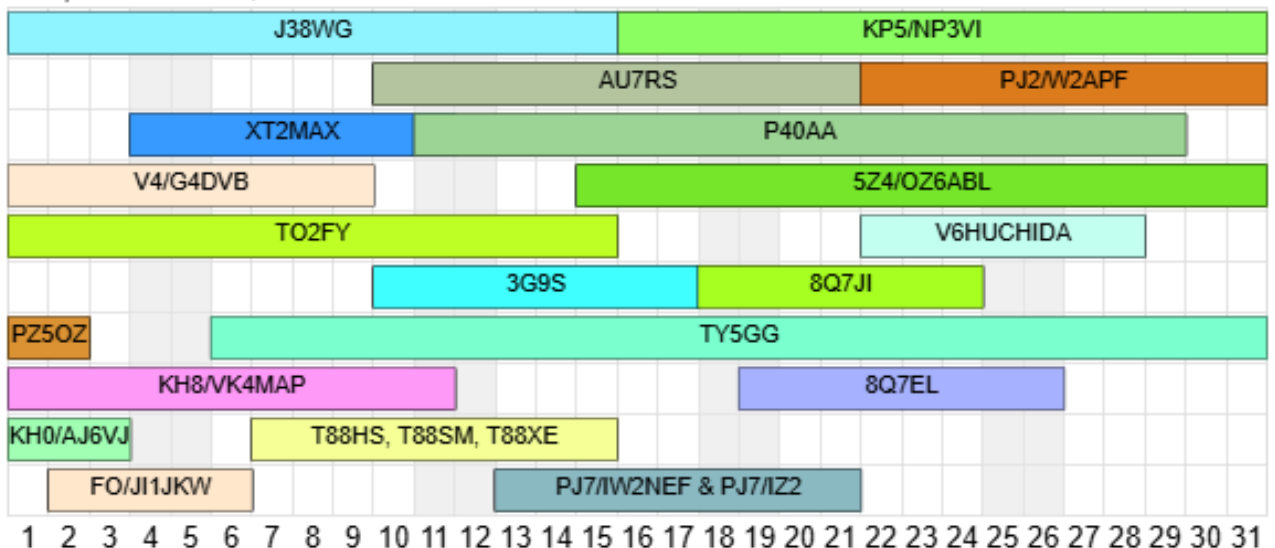
Sadly, we didn't realise until now, Bert PA3GIO is S.K. In years gone by he was a prolific traveller and DXpeditioner. Many DXers will have Bert in their logs from various places across the world. Full details on his many DXpeditions can be found [here](#). RIP.



DXCC timeline

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 FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: December 31, 2025



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DXCC

This week on air

4K, AZERBAIJAN Jan, DL4XT is operating in 'holiday-style' as 4K/call until January 3. Operation from 20 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, OQRS.

6Y, JAMAICA Lester, W8YCM is once again active as 6Y8LV from the Coral Seas Resort until mid-January 2026. From time to time he will sign as W8YCM/6Y on HF. QSL via home call.

C5, THE GAMBIA Andre, ON7YK is again active as C5YK. Previously, his activity has lasted a few months; generally into February or March. QRV mainly on the high bands using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via home call (direct or bureau).

EA8, CANARY ISL Reno, IU3RIC is operating as EA8/call from Lanzarote until January 9.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA Hiro, JI1JKW will be QRV as FO/call from Tikehau Atoll from January 2 until January 6. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FS, PJ7 ST MARTIN Giovanni, IZ2DPX is active from both islands as FS/call and PJ7/call until January 21, 2026. Activity from 60 to 6 metres using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call.

FY, FRENCH GUYANA Pierre, F4GPK is once again active as TO2FY until January 15, 2026. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF using SSB only. QSL via LoTW or home call.

On the scene...PZ5OZ Suriname



HK0, SAN ANDRES Primarily active from mainland Colombia as HK4/DF3TJ, operator Christoph also has plans to make side-trips to San Andres (NA-033) and Providencia (NA-049). QRV from those islands as HK0/DF4TJ. Dates are not specific but he should be active late December going into January '26. Modes: CW and SSB. QSL via ON5JC.

HL, SOUTH KOREA Kevin, AI5SM is active as HL1/call until January 1, 2026. QRV mostly portable with POTA using CW, SSB and FT8.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call from Copan until March 2026. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

J3, GRENADA Rikk, WE9G will be active as J3WG during January 1-16, 2026. Rikk will be running SO2R on 16906m; mostly FT8 with some CW & SSB. Possible SOTA activity too. For more details see <https://www.qrz.com/db/J38WG>

KH0, MARIANA ISL Ken, JO1VRK is once again QRV as KH0/AJ6VJ until January 3. Activity on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

PZ, SURINAME Joe, OZ0J is operating until January 2, 2026 as PZ5OZ. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB, FT8 and perhaps some RTTY from the PZ5RA rental shack. QSL via OQRS, LoTW and buro. <https://pz5oz.oz0j.dk/>

TG, GUATEMALA Todd, AF4CZ is once again operating as TG9/call until January 5, 2026. Operation during his spare time from 40 to 10 metres using mainly FT8 and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Joao, CR7BNW is operating as TL8BNW until June 2026. Activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and FT8 with a dipole.

V4, ST KITTS Brian, G4DVB is operating as V4/call until January 9. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, direct.



V5, NAMIBIA Gunter, DK2WH is once again QRV as V51WH until March 24, 2026. Activity from a farm near Omaruru from 160 to 6 metres (60m included).

VP8, SOUTH SHETLAND Active when time permits, look for Ivo LZ1AAW to QRV as LZ0A from the Bulgarian Antarctic Base of St. Kliment Ohridski, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands, AN-010 at the end of December 2025 until mid-February 2026.

VP9, BERMUDA Fraser, MM0EFI is operating as call/VP9 until January 5, 2026. Operation running portable with less than 50W and wire antennas. <https://www.qrz.com/db/MM0EFI/VP9>

XT, BURKINA FASO Max, DK1MAX will be operating as XT2MAX between January 4 and January 11. Max says: *'his next trip to Burkina Faso is really a scouting trip because the previous QTH he operated from is no longer available. Therefore, he has no idea yet about noise / space for antennas until he's there.'* QSL via EA5GL, LoTW, Club Log.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Once again, Diya YI1DZ is active as Z81D, his UN-WFP contract runs until March 30, 2026. Activity from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. Perhaps some 60 and 80 metres. QSL via OM3JW, LoTW.

Coming up soon

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN

FS, ST MARTIN

Flavio IW2NEF and Giovanni IZ2DPX are planning activity from both PJ7 and FS during January 13-21, 2026. While operating from Saint Martin he will be mobile using a 20m vertical antenna. Also QRV on other HF bands from Sint Maarten; SSB, FT8, FT4. QSL via Club Log OQRS, buro, LoTW.

P4, ARUBA Mat, DL4MM will once again be operating as P40AA from January 11 until January 29, 2026. An entry in the CQ 160 CW contest is included. Outside the contest, Mat will be found on all bands using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via homecall, OQRS.

T8, PALAU Mike JA6EGL, Hiro JA6KYU and Koji JH6OPP will be operating as T88SM, T88HS and T88XE during January 10-16, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via

home calls.

TY, BENIN Gerard, F5NVF will be operating from Godomey as TY5GG starting from early January until April 2026. QRV on various bands. QSL via LoTW.

IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

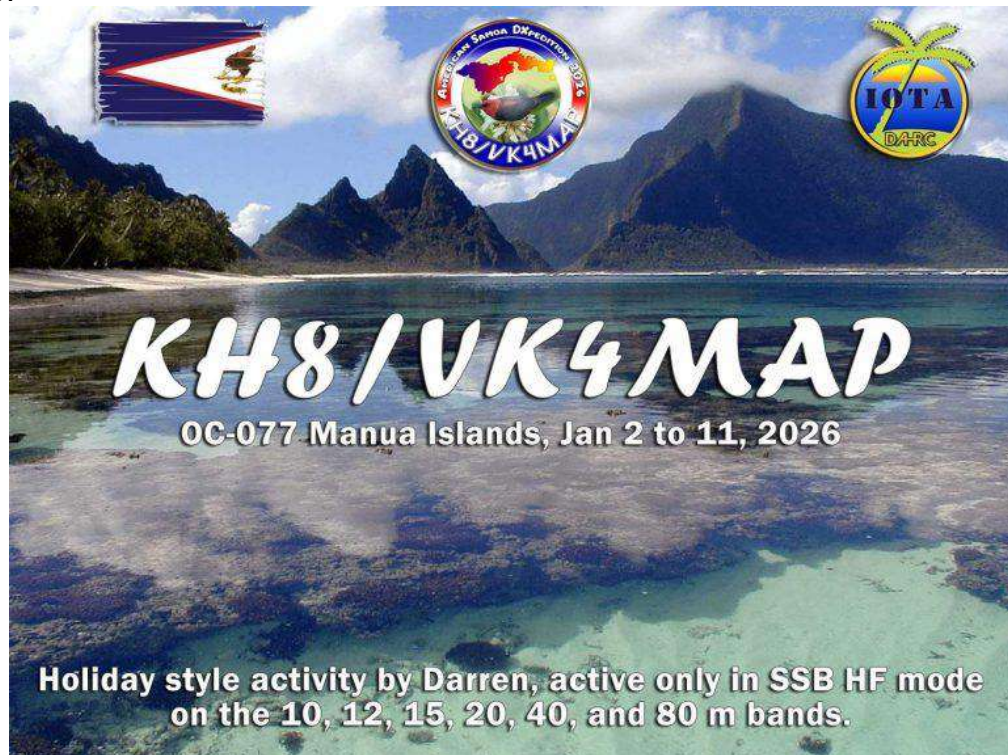
AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JI3DST is active again as JS6RRR until April 17, 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Take is also using JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6, JI3DST/P and JJ5RBH/P. QSO's are uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-085 St George Isl Darren, K4DMN is active in 'holiday-style' until January 1. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using mainly FT8 with a FT-871ND, FT-891 and a MPAS 2.0 vertical. Side trip to Dog Island and St Vincent is possible. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

OCEANIA

OC-077 Manu'a Isl Darren, VK4MAP will be operating as KH8/call for 1 week starting around January 2/3.



Coming up soon

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-013 San Ambrosio Isl An International Team of very experienced Amateur Radio operators is helping behind the scenes with technical support and operational knowledge in order to make this activity a very successful Dxpediton with Felipe XQ7IR. Operation is planned between January 12 and February 15, 2026 as 3G0XQ. QRV from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Desventuradas islands, the small volcanic islands of San Ambrosio and San Félix, lies 850 km off the coast of Chile and some 780 km north of Juan Fernández Archipelago one of the Most Wanted entities in amateur radio community. The operation includes one operator on the island focus in SSB/FT8 Modes, and a remote station on the island working 24/7 CW/FT8 Modes. Permits and authorization will be post on this website as required by a legal operation. [News](#)

SA-050 Navarino Isl The friends of JuncalDX from the Aconcagua Valley, eager to enjoy amateur radio, participate in and organize various amateur radio activities, such as the 3rd Chilean DX Congress and participation in international contests like CQWW or CQWPX, POTA activations, lighthouses, and others. CB9N, XR9N and 3G9S will be the special callsigns that will be part of the expedition to the Chilean Antarctic Province CE9 on Isla Navarino, taking place during the first half of January 2026. Operators Miguel CE2PM and Garcia CE2GT will be QRV from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OQRS.
More information and a call-for-support are available on the DXpedition [website](#).

Bangladesh, 17 grids of glory -by the S21DX team

17 exotic grids activation over QO-100 bird, where 14 grids never activated before. We will have two stations operating for 2-3 days from each grids over the next year. Mode will be mainly SSB Phone, and some CW.

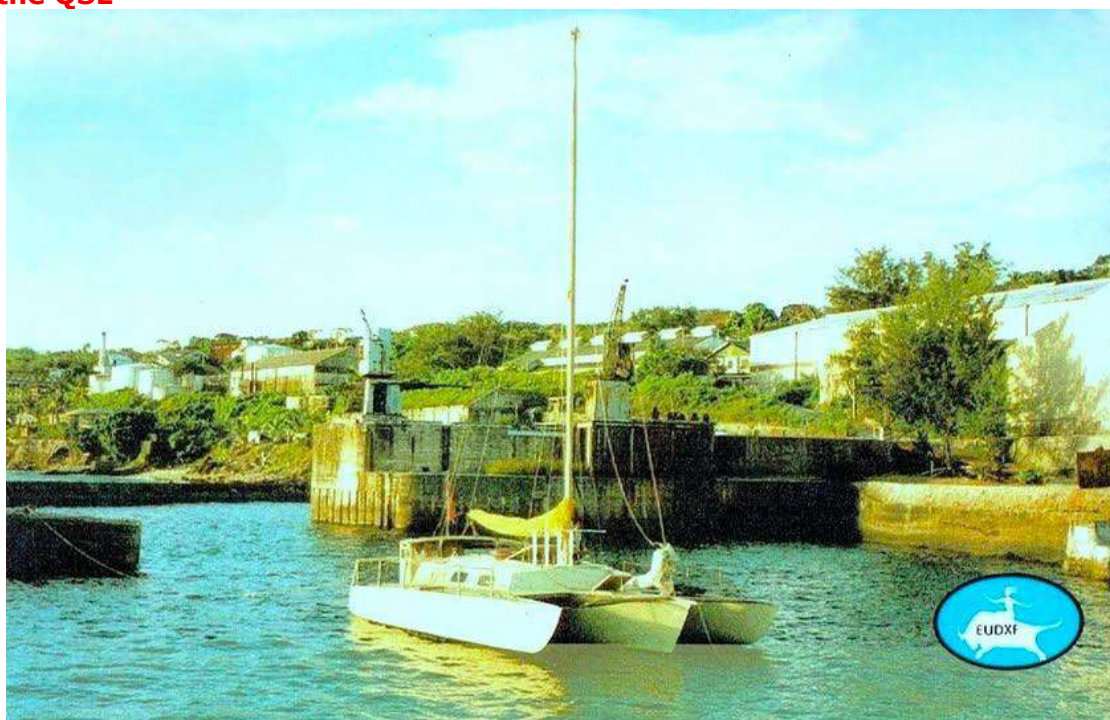
Location of some of these grids are extremely challenging due to boarder and hilly areas, or Sundarbans and swamp. Some of the grids we have to walk, use local dingy to access. 6 dark red marked grids we have carry generators as well.

NL53 will be the first grid activated starting early January '26. Check out full info [here](#).

* Callsigns will be each operator active at the time (not S21DX).

<https://www.dx-world.net/bangladesh-17-grids-of-glory/>

Guess the QSL



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA from March 8 until April 4, 2026. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in some contests is included. QSL via LoTW, home call, Club Log.

VP8, FALKLAND ISL Rick, NE8Z will be operating from Port Stanley as VP8TDX between February 7 and February 14. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log.

THE REMINDERS

The Rebel DX Group update

Dom, 3D2USU recently let DX-World know that, he along with one other op in the Rebel DX Group, plan to visit and be active from the following Pacific DXCC entities in the months ahead.

H44 – Solomon Islands (dates: t.b.a)

H40 – Temotu Province (dates: t.b.a)

ZK3 – Tokelau (after current E6 activity)

KH8/S – Swains Island (~ 1 week activity)

T33 – Banaba (after ZK3)

T31 – Central Kiribati (April 2026)

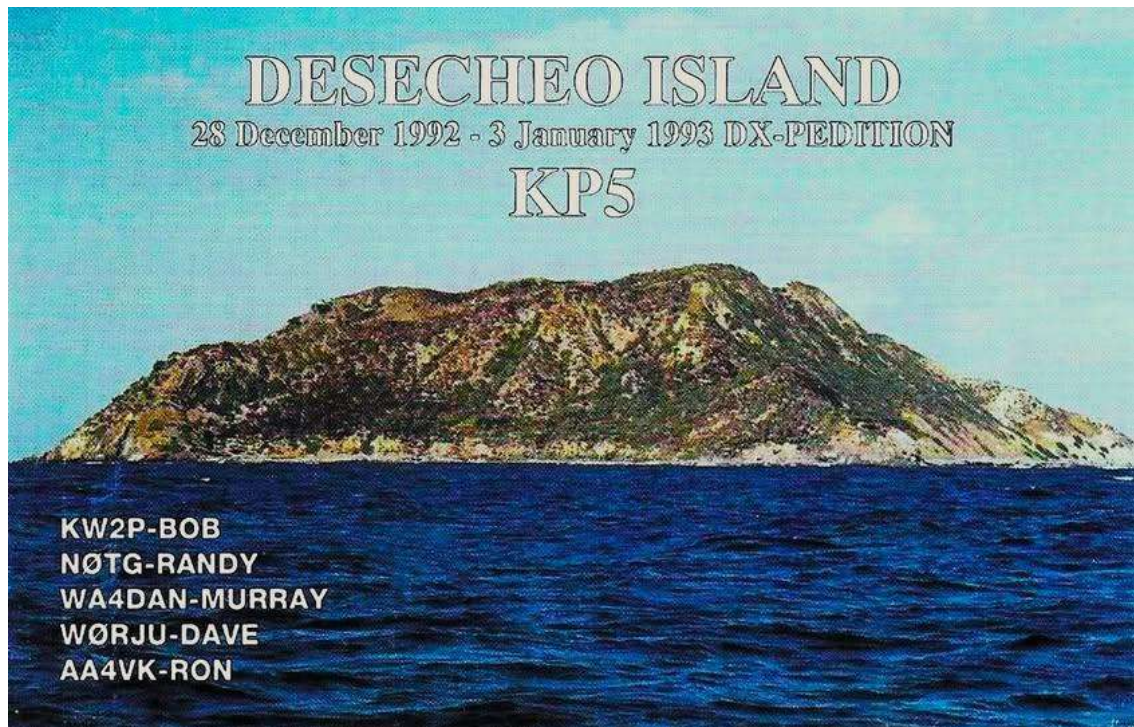
3A, MONACO Col MM0NDX and Steve MM0SAJ will once again QRV as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ sometime 2026. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus on low bands in their evenings. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

5Z, KENYA Michael, OZ6ABL will be operating as 5Z4/call from January 15 until February 28, 2026. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

8P, BARBADOS Chris, WA7RAR will be QRV as 8P9CB between January 18 and January 30, 2026. QRV from 20 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

8P, BARBADOS Mike, VE2XB will be QRV as 8P9XB from February 21 until February 28, 2026. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call. Mike is also planning trips to V31ZY, 5H, ZA, 9H, J79XB, J38XB and TI5 for later next year.

8Q, MALDIVES Alex, IW5ELA will be operating as 8Q7EL from Vaavu Atoll between January 19 and January 26, 2026. Activity in 'holiday-style' on HF using mainly CW. QSL via home call.



8Q, MALDIVES Ji, DS1TUW will be operating as 8Q7JI from January 18 until January 24, 2026. Activity on HF using CW and FT8. POTA activity during his stay. More to follow.

9N, NEPAL Jan, DL4XT mentions: 'Activity planned in summer 2026! This is my biggest DXpedition planned so far. I got a verbal agreement on the callsign 9N7XT, but this isn't confirmed yet, so it might still change.' Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a FT-891 100W. <https://yct.janlabs.de/dx/nepal2026>

C2, NAURU Phil, FK1TS/C21TS will be back on air starting around January 31, 2026 until end July 2026. Phil mentions 'It's been great fun working everyone. And I keep promising but never deliver, but for sure some SSB next year. I need to get myself a good headset so I can be hands free and then good to go. It's also very noisy here. I live right next to the main road with no air

con so windows always open. March / April should still bring some good contacts. SSB contacts will be barefoot. Legal limit here for CW / FT8 etc is 105 watts, SSB 400 watts. My licence good to the end of 2026.

As stated below I will finish for good towards the end of July '26 when my 3 years is up. So still some time to catch me. My logs up to date with Charles M00XO. Any queries hit me up on email. LoTW, eQSL, HRDlog, Club Log all up to date. 99% of LoTW queries are non-uploads at the other end.'

C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during September/October 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical +10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

CY0, SABLE ISL The CY0S Dxpediton Team will once again be active between March 19 and March 30/31, 2026. "As we have done in the past, we will personally transport all of the gear to Halifax, Nova Scotia shortly before the DXpediton", they say. "We have been informed by Sable Aviation that the cost of the flights to the island have significantly increased since 2023. Fund raising has now officially begun for the CY0S DXpediton" <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/>

D4, CAPE VERDE Heli, DD0VR will be operating as D4VR from February 6 until February 19. Activity on HF with high efficient antennas using QRP. QSL via home call.

E5, COOK ISL Steve ZL2KE and Steve ZL4CZ will once again be active as E51CZZ and E51KEE next July/August 2026. QRV from Rarotonga, more to follow.

E6, NIUE Tom, KC0W will be operating as E6CW sometime 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW only. More to follow.

FM, MARTINIQUE Miguel, EA1BP will once again be operating as FM/call or TO7O during the CQ WPX SSB contest. Outside the contest QRV on WARC bands using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

On the scene...KP5 Desecheo preparations



FO/M MARQUESAS ISL A team of 6 operators (K5WE, W5CCP, N5TEA, K4VBM, WD5COV and F6BCW) will be active as TX9W from April 19 until April 30, 2026. Activity with 6 stations from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Depending upon a reliable internet connection, logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily and Club Log Livestream will be active. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after returning home. <https://k5we.com/tx9w/>

JW, SVALBARD Kaare, LA8EKA will be active from the JW5E club station as JW8EKA between

March 13-15, 2026. Operation from 20 to 10 metres and perhaps the low bands using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

H4, SOLOMON ISL Bernard (DL2GAC) will once again be QRV as H44MS from Manakwai village between January 25 and April 10, 2026. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

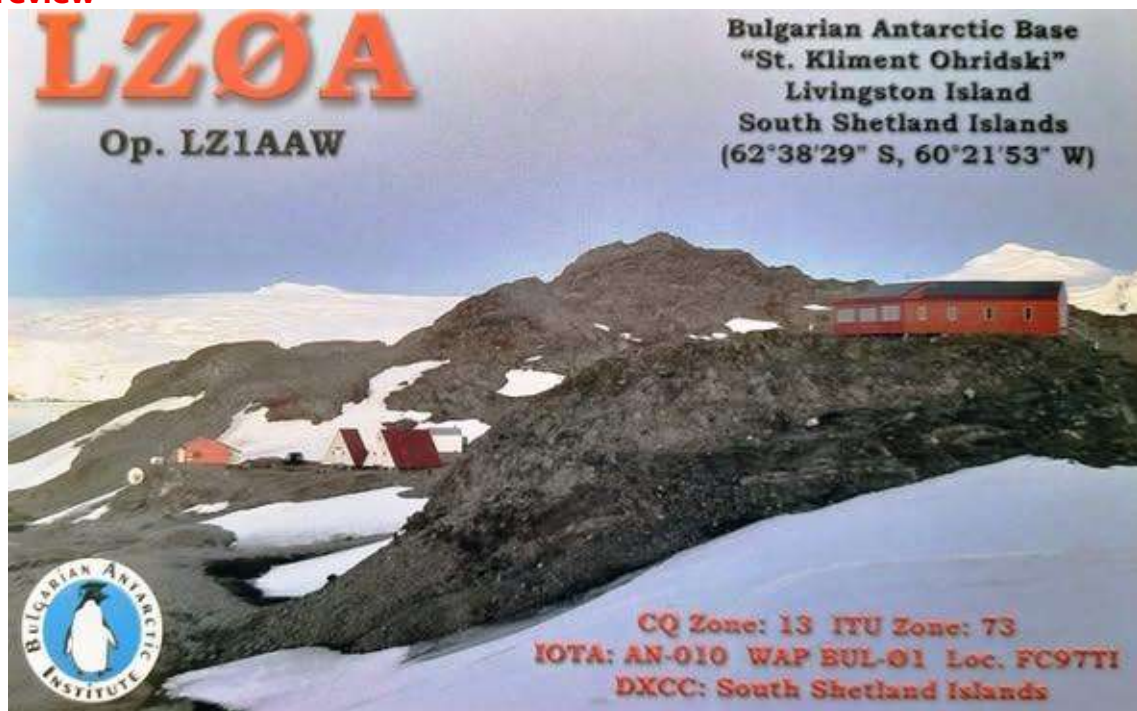
HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a Dxpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a Dxpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

KP5, DESECHEO ISL In collaboration with the Vieques Island Amateur Radio Club (NP3VI) and the Manyana DX Foundation, we are proud to announce a landmark DXpedition to Desecheo Island (KP5), currently ranked as the 14th most wanted DXCC entity worldwide. To ensure continuous, global on-air presence, two self-sustained Remote Deployable Units (RDUs) provided by the Manyana DX Foundation will be deployed on the island. These stations will operate 24 hours a day for 30 consecutive days, utilizing state-of-the-art remote operating infrastructure from Remote Ham Radio (RHR).

The primary mission of this DXpedition is to provide an All-Time New One (ATNO) to as many amateur radio operators worldwide as possible. Operators from Puerto Rico and international locations will participate to maximize coverage, band availability, and global accessibility.

<https://desecheo2026.com/kp5/>

QSL preview



P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will once again be QRV as P44W during February 16-23, 2026. QRV from his QTH in Santa Cruz, an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. Prior to the contest activity is planned on all bands using CW. QSL via LoTW and N2MM.

PJ2, CURACAO Thaire, W2APF will be QRV as PJ2/call from January 22 until March 31, 2026. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a Elecraft K5D and a Buddipole, DX Commander for 40 and 30 and a doublet for 80. QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ2, CURACAO Andre, PD1DRE will be back as PJ2/call between January 26 and March 4, 2026. More to follow.

S2, BANGLADESH The Next Generation DX Club will be off to Bangladesh February/March 2026. 'Ranked #91 worldwide, #32 for North America, and still highly wanted on CW (#66) and SSB (#75), this DXpedition is set to light up the bands. After bringing you 8R7X – Guyana 2024 and V73WW – Marshall Islands 2025, we're ready to make waves from one of Asia's most exciting and under-activated locations. More information about callsign, dates, and operators will

follow shortly – stay tuned!’

S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE Borut, S53BV will be active as S9BV from February 5 until February 20, 2026. QRV in 'holiday-style' on 60, 40, 30 and 15 meter using CW and SSB with full size verticals, a dipole and an Icom IC-7000. QSL via OQRS only.

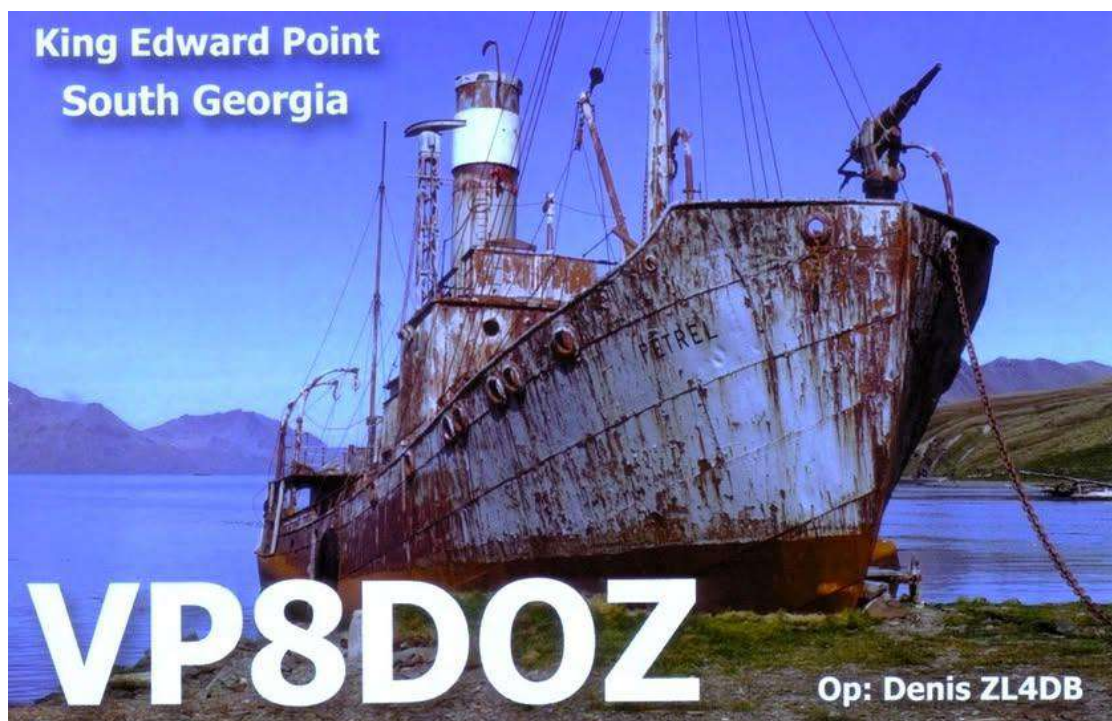
T8, PALAU Look for Masu JA3AVO, Mune JI3DNN and Kuni JA1CJA as T88MB, T88CZ and T88DK from the VIP Guest Hotel between February 25 and March 5, 2026. Operation on several bands and various modes. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Ken, JP1RIW will be QRV as T88KH during March 26-30, 2026. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via BM2JCC or OQRS.

T8, PALAU Yas, JA6UBY will be operating as T88RR from June 10 until June 18, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or home call.

T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active as T88PB during June 19-22, 2026. An entry in the All Asian DX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

T8, PALAU Operating out of the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau, look for T88JH (JR3QFB), T88KY (JA1MFR), T88MH (JA1JRE), T88MT (JA1MEJ) & T88YL (7K4TKB) to be active during January 28-31, 2026. QRV on various bands and modes. QSL via ops instructions.



V3, BELIZE Uwe, DL8UD will once again be operating as V31KO / V3O during February and March 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the ARRL CW contest is included as V3O. QSL via EA5GL.

V3, BELIZE Mike, VE2XB will be operating from Ambergris Caye as V31ZY during March 16-27, 2026. Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

V4, ST KITTS Jon, W5JON will once again be QRV as V47JA from January 30 until February 3, 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8 with a Yaesu FT-300D and a Mosley, a Yagi and a vertical. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Chris, WA7RAR will be operating as V4/call from February 21 until March 7 2026. QRV from near Cockleshell Bay as V4/call, with also POTA operation from 20 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

V4, ST KITTS Markus, WW6W will be back as V4/call between May 24 and June 1, 2026. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Tom, K0YA and Antoinette W5RCX will be operating between February 11 and March 18, 2026. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8 in 'holiday-style'. QSL via LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Hanspeter, HB9BFM will be QRV as V5/call during August 26 to September 20, 2026. QRV from different locations between 16-19 UTC in Olivia 8/250 at 14072.000kHz.

V6, MICRONESIA Celebrating 60 years in ham radio, Haru JA1XGi announces he will be active from Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia as V660XGI during January 22-28, 2026. QRV on

160-10m; CW, SSB & Digi. Participation in the CQWW CW 160m contest (January 23-25). QSL via JA1XGI, Club Log OQRS.

VP2M, MONTSEERRAT Chuck, KG9N will be active as VP2MCV between February 17 and March 3, 2026. Operation on all bands and all modes with an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW and home call.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARD) is proud to announce plans for a groundbreaking DXpedition to South Georgia Island, set to take place in March 2027. Operating under the allocated callsign VP0SG, this ambitious activation will target one of the rarest and most logistically challenging DXCC entities, well ranked on top of the Club Log's Most Wanted List, with particularly high demand in some areas of the world.

<https://www.ardxpeditons.com/dxpeditons/vp0sg>

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL The World DXpedition team will be operating during November 2027 from 3 POTA locations. A team with 11 operators Dave WJ2O, K1NZ Nick Maslon; K2SAV, William "Savo" Savacool; K1ZM, Jeff Briggs; N1QV, Miriam Briggs; W0ZB, Steve Keithahn; K3PT, Kyle Snively; KD0IVB, Emily Snively; K1LZ, Krassy Petkov; VU2RS, Sarath Rayaprollu; and N4VGE, Van Herridge Organizer. Team support members are XYL Judi Savacool and XYL Vicki Herridge is QRV with 5 stations 24/7. [Andaman - World DXpeditions](#)

XX9, MACAO A DXpedition is planned with a large team during March 19-31, 2026. Activity on HF and 6 metres. Team members are EA1CJ, EA1SA, EA5BCQ, EA5KA, EA5KM, EA7KE, EA7R, EA7X, F2JD, F8ATS, F8GGV, JH4RHF, IK5RUN and IN3ZNR. [XX9 DXFriends Dxpedition](#)

On the scene...XE1IMO and XE1B prior flying to Socorro as XF4B



IOTA

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-127 Kutubdia Isl Look for team S21DX sometime 2026. They plan to operate for at least 18 hours a day depending generator and the number of team members. Team for now is S21YLJ, S21AM, S21RC, S21FIA and S21RED. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using SSB, FT8 and QO-100.

QSL via EB7DX, LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-018 Kangerlussuaq Bo OX3LX and Mikkel OX7AKT will be QRV from February 10 until February 17, 2026. QRV from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL for OX7AKT via OZ1ACB, OX3LX via OZ0J.

OCEANIA

OC-066 Rangiroa Atoll Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX9XG (dates to follow). Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi with an IC-7300MK2 and multiband antennas. QSL via home call, OQRS.

OC-165 Talang-Talang Besar A large team with 12 operators will be active as 9M8T sometime April/May 2026. More to follow.

Antarctic base

McMurdo Station, Ross Island by Andrew KC4/KL5SE

My 11th season to McMurdo Station, Antarctica. I'll be operating from there as **KC4USV** and as **KC4/KL5SE** from field camps nearby during the 2025-2026 Austral summer season.

So far activity has been from:

Keep an eye on Andrew's QRZ [page](#) for further updates.

Update December 30 by Frank F8DVD

Andrew, **KC4/KL5SE** arrived two days ago at Mt Newall Camp. He has been active a few times on 14242, and will be at the camp until January 10th.

His working conditions: FT-710 with 100W into a dipole. It's the very 1st ham radio activity from that remote place. Thanks Andrew for that!

Mt Newall is a radio repeater station to relay data from a seismic array in the Wright Valley to McMurdo Station. It also powers VHF voice repeaters to support activities in the area.

Coordinates: 77° 50'S , 162° 62' W Grid RB12hl.





Neumayer Station

New ham operator Lasse, DL9LU is active during the entire winter as DP0GVN until December 2026. QSL via OQRS.

Palmer Peninsula WE9G/KC4

Look out for Rikk, WE9G to be active from Palmer Peninsula, Antarctica as WE9G/KC4 in early February 2026. More info to follow on this one..

QSL via LoTW, QRZ, ClubLog & HRDLog.

Vostok base by Alex UG1A

After Vostok, says Frank (F8DVD), there's a possibility that Alex will go to Ridge B and operate from there. Nothing is certain about that yet so more info later. However, it would be an ATNO for the Worldwide Antarctic Program (WAP) and Polar DX Challenge as Ridge B has never been activated before.

A new callsign have been assigned to Alex for all operations during this season: RI1ANI.

Since 2007, Alex was very active from Progress and Vostok base, mostly in CW but also in SSB with many calls such as R1ANC, R1ANP, RI1ANC, RI1ANV, RI30ANT.

NOTE: Ridge B is one of the least studied areas in Antarctica but has been considered to be a potential location for the oldest ice on Earth. In January 2020, the first scientific traverse from Russia's Vostok Station to the topographical dome of Ridge B was carried out. Ridge B (Dome B) is 3807m above sea level, 79.02°S, 93.69°E).

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

9A, CROATIA To celebrate their 15th anniversary, members of the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC (9A1WFF) will be active as **9A44FF** and **9A44FF/p** between 1 January and 31 December. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/9A44FF> for information about the Anniversary Award. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY To commemorate the centenary of the first Kurzwellentagung - the landmark convention for German shortwave enthusiasts held in Jena on 16-17 January 1926 - the special callsign **DF100KWTJ** will be active between 1 January and 31 March. QSL via bureau. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The special event stations **DA100TV** and **DL100TV** (special DOK 100TV) celebrate 100 years of television in Germany during 2026. QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY During 2026, the following special event stations celebrate 100 years of the German aviation company Lufthansa: **DA100LH**, **DL100LH** and **DK100LH** (special DOK 100DLH). QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE Look for special event station **TM23AAW** to be on air from February 16 to March 2, 2026. Activity is to celebrate the 23th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on <https://www.qrz.com/db/TM23AAW>

Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his QTH of Mâcon, east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH). The new reference for WAP program is 358. Operations will be on HF band from 10 to 40 meters. QSL via F8DVD, Direct (SAE + 3 USD) or via Buro.

For more information about that Antarctic event, have a look to www.waponline.it

G, ENGLAND Using vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd from the mid-1950s to the 1970s, the **GB8KW** multi-operator station will be active again over the "KW Weekend" (3-4 January) from the Cray Valley radio club's HQ in Eltham, England. Other special callsigns are expected to be activated by collectors and restorers across the UK during the month, notably GB2KW from Scotland. (TNX 425DX)

HH, HAITI During January, **4V1L** commemorates Marie-Jeanne Lamartiniere, a heroine of the Haitian Revolution. QSL via N200. (TNX DXNL)

YU, SERBIA The radio club Mihajlo Pupin YU7BCD in Pancevo celebrates its 45th anniversary during 2026 with the callsign **YU45MJA**. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

VK, AUSTRALIA **AX120AAC** celebrates the 120th anniversary of the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) during 2026. (TNX DXNL)

W, USA The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31 January. Look for **K3Y** to be aired from the ten US call areas (**K3Y/0 through K3Y/9**), plus **/KH6**, **/KL7** and **/KP4**. Information on the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) was founded in Auckland in 1926. To celebrate their centenary, NZART members are encouraged to use the **ZM** prefix during the 2026 year; in addition, individual operators and NZART branches can apply to use special **ZL100** callsigns for a period of 1 to 3 months - e.g. Ian ZL1MVL and the Whangarei Amateur Radio Club (ZL1AM) will be using **ZL100MVL** and **ZL100AM**, respectively, until 31 March. (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...SV5/DK9EE Rhodos



THE REMINDERS

QSO Party Day 2026 by Marconi Club ARI Loano

Qso Party Day Contest organized by Marconi Club it's as always with the "short contest" format, is now in its 8th edition. This year, the event is scheduled for Saturday, January 3, 2026. The purpose of the event is to introduce our club to the younger generations and bring together all those who truly love and believe in telegraphy, promoting the MARCONI CLUB ARI LOANO, founded on May 8, 1988, by the late Libero Meriggi I1YXN and the renowned DX-peditioner Baldur Drobnica DJ6SI. The event will involve all members of the historic club, which has nearly 1000 members from all over the world, and all enthusiasts of this wonderful and magnificent art of CW. For this edition too, the BEGALI company, an undisputed world leader in the production of high-quality telegraph keys, has agreed to support our Contest by donating one of their own keys, which will be raffled off among the top five finishers in the Marconi Operators category. To further encourage participants, this special prize cannot be awarded to those who have already received it in a previous edition. The awards ceremony and the drawing for the special prize will take place at the Marconi Club stand at the Ham Radio Exhibition Center in Montichiari (BS) on Saturday, March 15, 2026. This year, it will also be possible to upload logs online. Please note that logs must be uploaded exclusively in Cabrillo format. Logs can be uploaded via the Marconi Club ARI Loano page at <https://www.marconiclub.it> Operation from 0700 UTC until 2100 UTC on 20, 40 and 80 metres.

9A, CROATIA 9A10SOTA is the special callsign celebrating ten years of SOTA Croatia. Look for activity until 30 September 2026. A certificate will be available for contacts made between 1 October and 31 December 2025, see <https://9aff.wordpress.com/> for information. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

CN, MOROCCO The Association Royale des Radioamateurs du Maroc will be active with the special callsign **CN35CAN** around the Africa Coup of Nations 2025 (Dec. 21 to Jan. 18). QSL via qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

CT, PORTUGAL To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rede dos Emissores Portugueses (REP), Portugal's IARU member society, around fifty operators scattered all around the country will use three special callsigns - **CS26REP, CR26REP and CR3REP** - on 1-7 January. Look for activity on various bands and modes, and via QO-100. Certificates and eQSLs will be available on <https://hamaward.cloud/awards>. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The special callsign **DB100FT** will be active throughout 2026 to celebrate the centenary of the Berlin Radio Tower (Funkturn), one of the city's most iconic landmarks. The 150-metre-high steel lattice tower occupies a prominent place in the history of radio broadcasting in Germany, as it was used to broadcast transmissions starting in 1926. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DARC Team SES will be active as **DL25WIKI** throughout 2026. The special callsign celebrates the 25th anniversary of Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, founded in January 2001: "the station reflects the spirit of free knowledge and international collaboration within the amateur radio community. Wikipedia and amateur radio share common values: openness, education, technical enthusiasm, and world-wide networking". QSL cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; QSOs will also be uploaded to LoTW and the DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN EG1NV is a special event station celebrating Christmas lights in Vigo. QRV until Jan. 12 in 2026. QSL via LoTW, qrz.com, eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

LZ, BULGARIA LZ2025ZONE and LZ2026EURO are two special callsigns celebrating Bulgaria's admission into the Eurozone and adoption of the euro as of 1 January 2026. QSLs via LZ2VP. Also look for LZ1EURO to be active on 1-6 January. QSL via LZ3SC. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Dutch Radio Group Christmas Event will run from 10 December to 2 January with six special callsigns: **PD25HOLLY, PD25HOHOHO, PD25REDNOSE, PD25SANTA, PD25XMAS** and **PD26HNWY**. More information can be found on See <https://www.qrz.com/db/PD25XMAS>. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Numerous special event stations will be active around the Christmas and New Year season:

PA25SANTA - Op PA9JO; QSL via PA1AW

PA25XMAS - Op: Santa Ray in Twente

PI25XMAS - Op: Santa's Dutch HQ in Twente

PD25STAR - Op: Ramona

PD26HNY - The Happy New Year Team in Twente

There will be no QSL cards. Certificates are available via qrz.com.

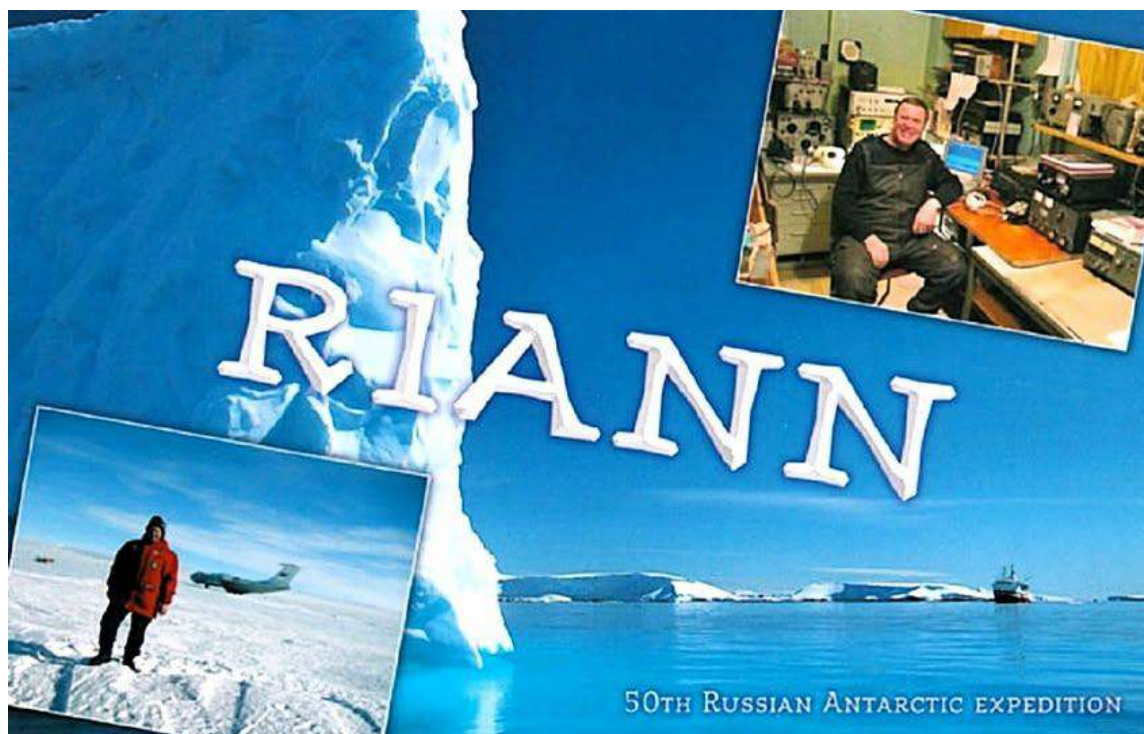
SWLs send logs to: award@pi4x.com

PF25XMAS - Op: Barry in Den Haag; QSL via PC1K (d/B), LoTW.

PH25XMAS - Operator: PA3EFR/J

PH26HNY - Operator: PA3EFR/J

SP, POLAND The Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club (SP3PDO) will use twelve special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Polish saints. The first callsign in the series, **SP1894MMK** (1-31 January), is for St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe (SP3RN), born on 8 January 1894 and killed at Auschwitz in 1941. It will be followed by **SP1440SL** (February), **SP1040SSZ** (March), **SP1865JML** (April), **SP1920KW** (May), **SP1373JA** (June), **SP1183JO** (July), **SP1905MFK** (August), **SP1373AB** (September), **SP1550SK** (October), **SP1234KK** (November) and **SP1835JK** (December). QSLs via SP3PDO. See <https://radioawards.club/ses/155> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)



UA, RUSSIA Special callsigns **R2026A, R2026C, R2026L, R2026N, R2026NY, R2026S, R2026X, UE26HNY** and **UE26NY** will be active from 29 December to 11 January for the annual "Russian New Year" radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club (<https://mdxc.ru/>) and the Rostov Oblast branch of the Russian Amateur Radio Union (SSR). QSLs via RQ7L. See <https://hamlog.online/club/mdxc> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA **YR1600VT** is the special callsign that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 31 March 2026 to popularize Via Transilvanica, the long-distance trail (1600 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. More information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR1600VT>. QSL via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA The special event callsign **YU65AEC** celebrates the 65th anniversary of the first radio club in Odzaci throughout 2026. (TNX DXNL)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND **ZL60PAH** is the special callsign for Phil, ZL3PAH to use from 23 November to 22 February 2026 to celebrate his diamond jubilee in amateur radio. He will operate CW, RTTY, and "maybe a little SSB too" on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND **ZL100C** is a special callsign celebrating the centenary of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART), which was formed on 16 August 1926. The callsign is valid until 6 August 2026. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

Astronomy pictures by Jim Danielson, AC9EZ

Jim and I are friends for more than 10 years now, we met back in the days via ECHOLINK. Jim is a senior at Purdue University Fort Wayne, majoring in music with a minor in journalism. One of his interests is astronomy, I am happy to share with you one of his great shots.

'A few quick processes of M45 (the Pleiades) and NGC6888 (the Crescent Nebula). Cloudy skies and some software troubles with Siril have prevented me from doing much astrophotography this month, but I think we're starting to make some progress. I just completed downloading local copies of both the astronomy and the GAIA databases, so I can process photos faster. Also, I just downloaded the recent Veralux hyperbolic stretch script and had a go processing photos with the new script and some old data I captured earlier this year. These two photos are quick exposures of M45 and NGC6888 from Bortle 5 skies in North Dakota. Both exposures are under 500 x 10 second exposures, so very short imaging time on these targets. I think the star colors have really improved with the new script, but I need to experiment more with the settings to get the best detail out of the nebulous regions.' [#m45](#) [#ngc6888](#) [#seestars30](#) [#astrophotography](#) [#astronomy](#)

